

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments presented below.

I. AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments:

In the Claims:

A1 1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical gel composition comprising:
a solvent vehicle,
at least one water-insoluble swellable mucoadhesive polymer,
at least one pH-sensitive film-forming polymer forming a film when applied to skin or a mucosal surface, and
at least one molecule of interest.

A2 4. (Amended) The gel of claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble swellable mucoadhesive polymer is NOVEON or CARBOMER.

A3 8. (Amended) The gel of claim 1, wherein the pH-sensitive polymer is a EUDRAGIT polymer, or a chemical derivative thereof.

A4 19. (Amended) The gel of claim 16, wherein the water-insoluble swellable mucoadhesive polymer is NOVEON or CARBOMER.

A5 23. (Amended) The gel of claim 16, wherein the pH-sensitive polymer is a EUDRAGIT polymer, or chemical derivative thereof.

In the Specification:

Please replace the second-to-last paragraph of page 5 with:

A6 The solvent vehicle may be comprised of at least 25 to 100 parts water or buffered water with 0 to 75 parts of ethanol, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, or combinations thereof. The water-insoluble swellable mucoadhesive polymer may be polyacrylic acid cross-